

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 49

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Homer P. "Hop" Hopkins for being named a 2006 honoree at the 15th Annual SAGE Awards sponsored by the Council on Aging of Greater Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary citizen is Homer P. "Hop" Hopkins who was recently honored at the 15th Annual SAGE Awards by the Council on Aging (COA) of Greater Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the SAGE Awards honor older adults who, through a lifetime commitment, have made outstanding contributions to improving the quality of life in their community; the award luncheon was held at the Millennium Maxwell House on October 26, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hopkins was recognized for his passionate efforts over the last twelve years to establish a program of home- and community-based care for senior citizens in Tennessee as an alternative to institutional care, ensuring that senior Tennesseans can live their later years with dignity and independence; and

WHEREAS, Hop Hopkins, a native of Tennessee, developed a special interest in health education through his work for the Tennessee Department of Public Health, in which capacity he developed a program of Comprehensive Health Planning; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated advocate for seniors, Mr. Hopkins chaired the Public Policy Committee of Senior Citizens, Inc. for four years and served as a volunteer lobbyist for the AARP; and

WHEREAS, through his professional service and volunteer efforts, Mr. Hopkins has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Hop Hopkins is an extremely giving person who epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, he is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and recognize Homer P. "Hop" Hopkins upon being a 2006 honoree at the 15th Annual SAGE Awards sponsored by the COA of Greater Nashville, express our gratitude for his many significant contributions to his community and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.